



To: TDSB Programs and School Services Committee
Re: Motion “Supporting Student Active Transportation During Winter” from Trustee
Pamela Gough

Dear Trustees,

Walk Toronto is a grassroots, volunteer advocacy group working to make Toronto a better city for walking.

Walk Toronto would like to strongly support Trustee Pamela Gough’s motion to improve support for winter walking by TDSB students.

Walking’s many health, mental health, environmental and other benefits are well-known. Encouraging students to walk to school safely from an early age will create positive, life-long walking habits that will benefit both the students themselves, and the city they live in. Demonstrating to students that winter is no barrier to walking will ensure that they learn that walking is a reliable, all-season option for getting to school and other destinations.

As well, encouraging walking to school promotes student safety, by reducing the number of cars driving in the vicinity of the school. The result is a virtuous circle where more students walking means fewer cars, creating a safer environment, which in turn encourages more students to walk.

We hope that you will endorse this motion and implement its recommendations.

Thank you,

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On behalf of Walk Toronto

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